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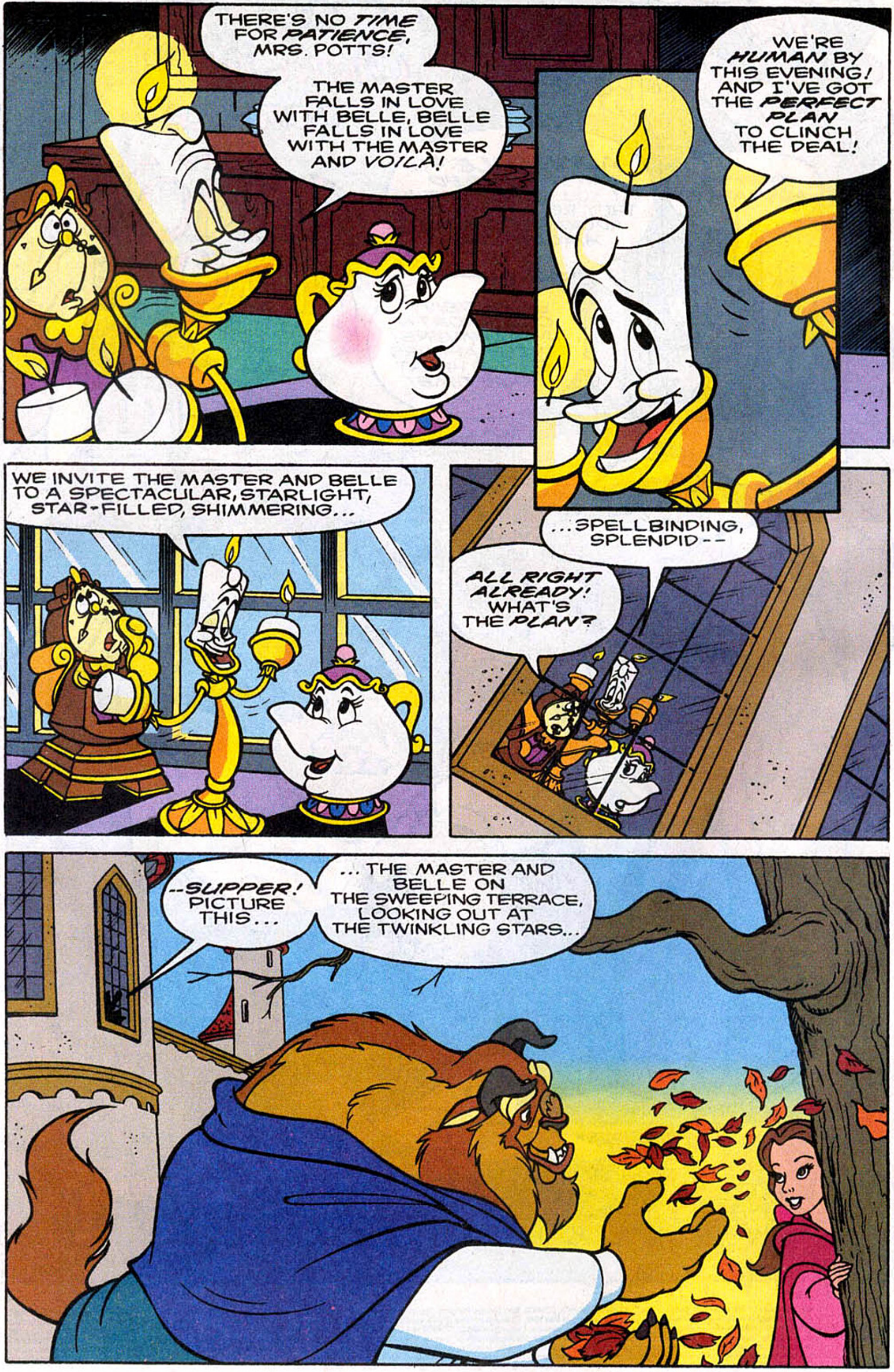
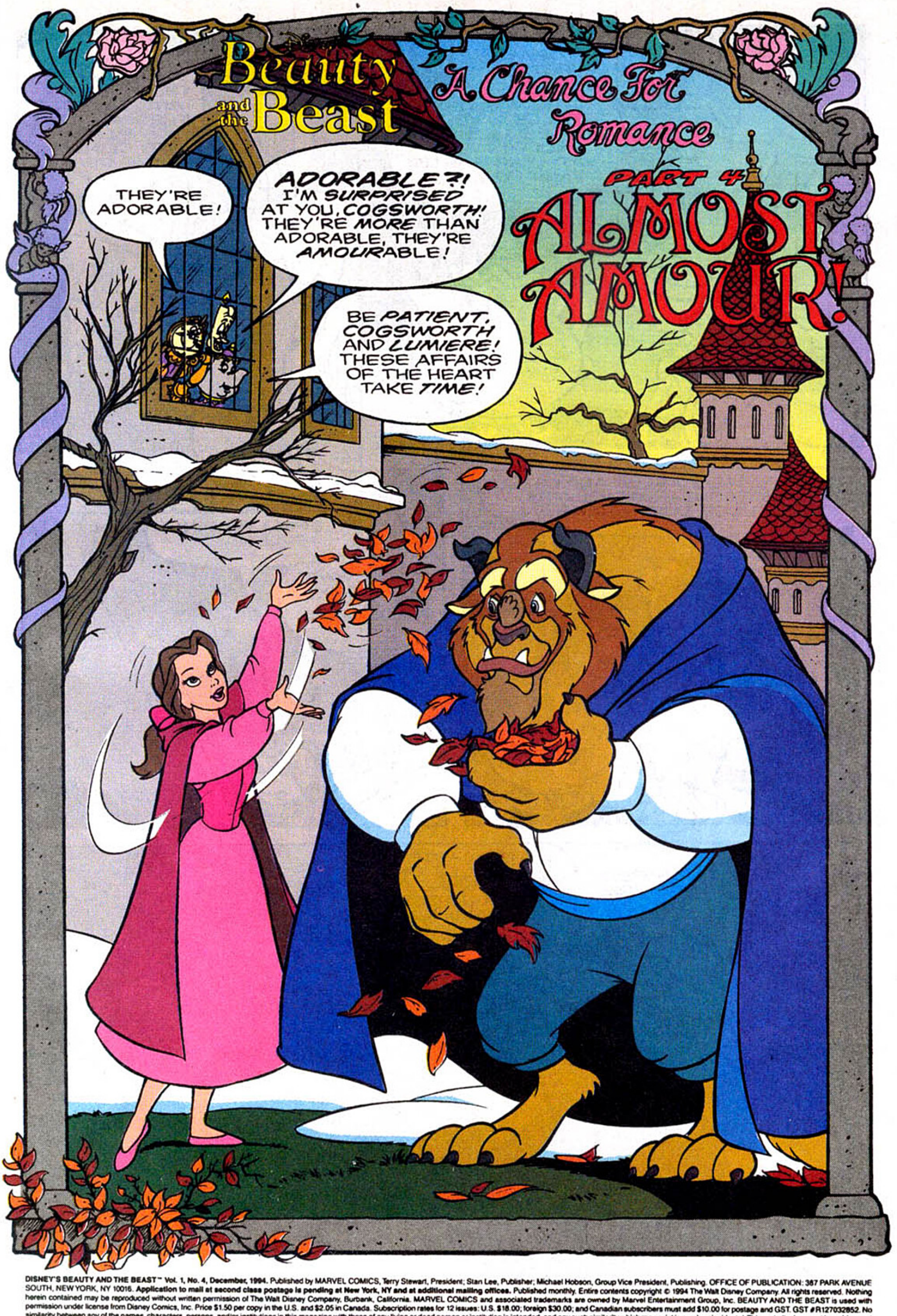

THERE'S NO *TIME* FOR *PATIENCE*, MRS. POTTS!
THE MASTER FALLS IN LOVE WITH BELLE, BELLE FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE MASTER AND *VOILÀ*!
WE'RE *HUMAN* BY THIS EVENING! AND I'VE GOT THE *PERFECT PLAN* TO CLINCH THE DEAL!
WE INVITE THE MASTER AND BELLE TO A SPECTACULAR, STARLIGHT, STAR-FILLED, SHIMMERING...
...SPELLBINDING, SPLENDID--
ALL RIGHT ALREADY! WHAT'S THE *PLAN*?
--*SUPPER!* PICTURE THIS...
... THE MASTER AND BELLE ON THE SWEEPING TERRACE, LOOKING OUT AT THE TWINKLING STARS...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ALMOST AMOUR!
THEY'RE ADORABLE!
ADORABLE?! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, COGSWORTH! THEY'RE MORE THAN ADORABLE, THEY'RE AMOURABLE!
BE PATIENT, COGSWORTH AND LUMIERE! THESE AFFAIRS OF THE HEART TAKE TIME!

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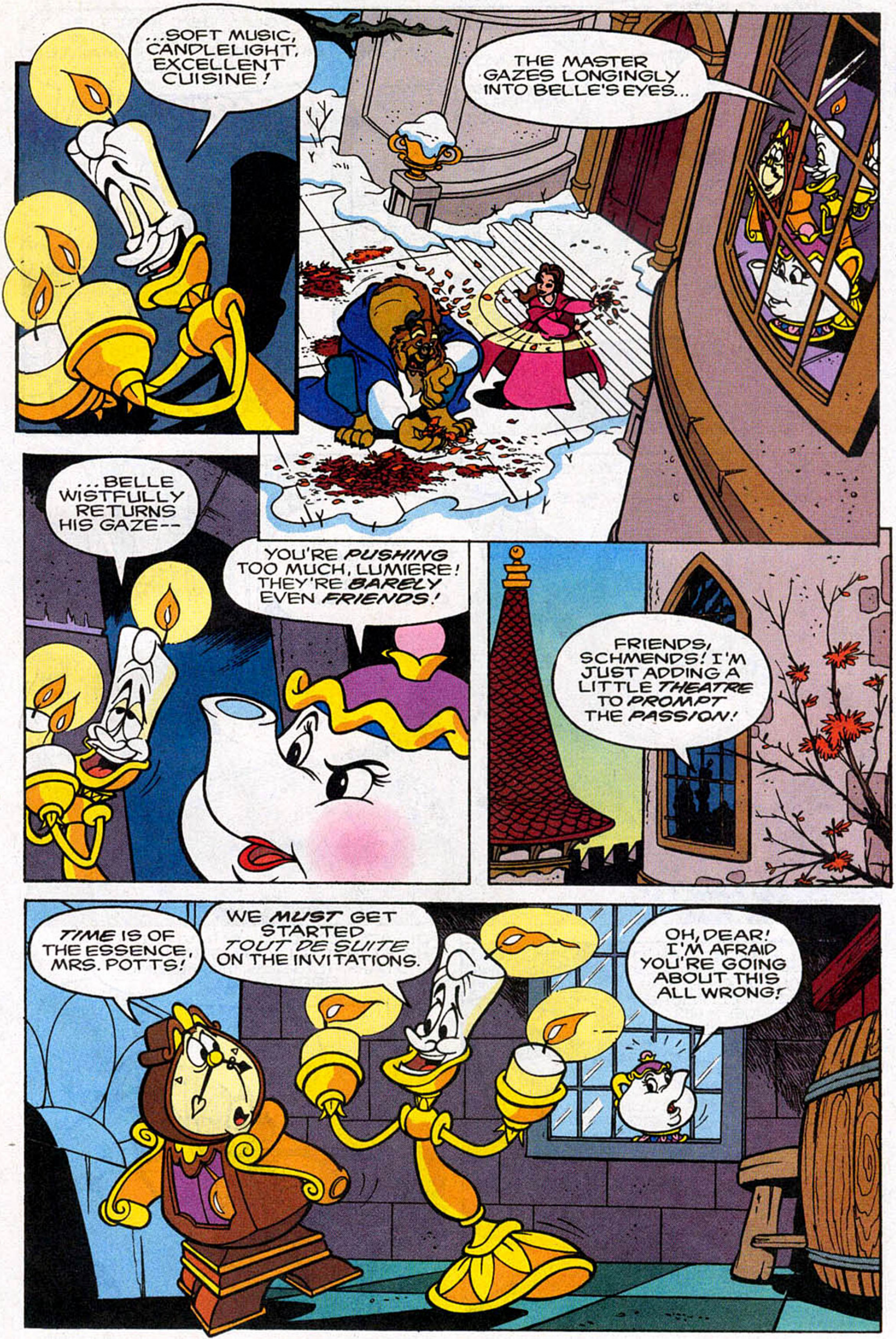
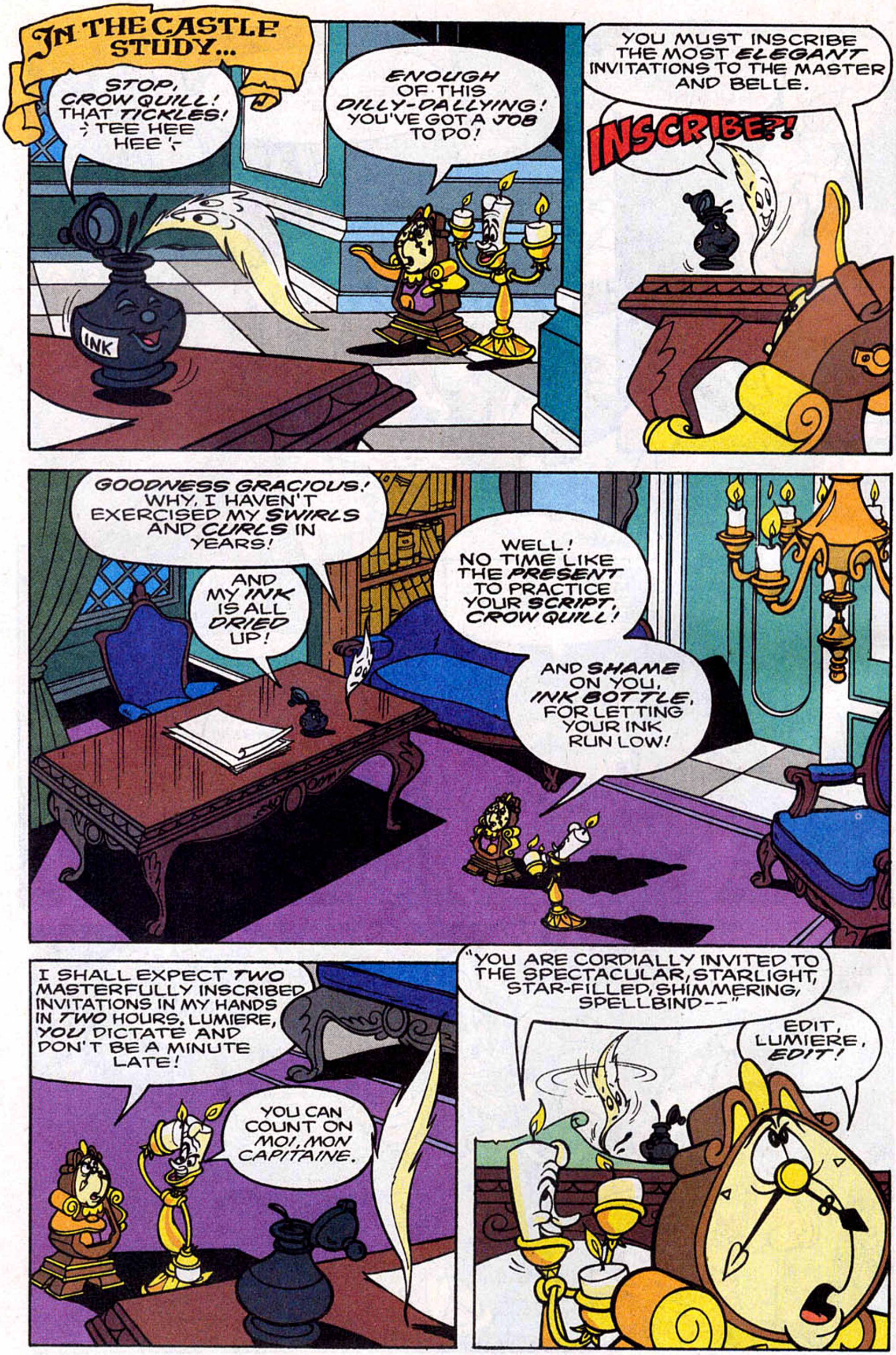
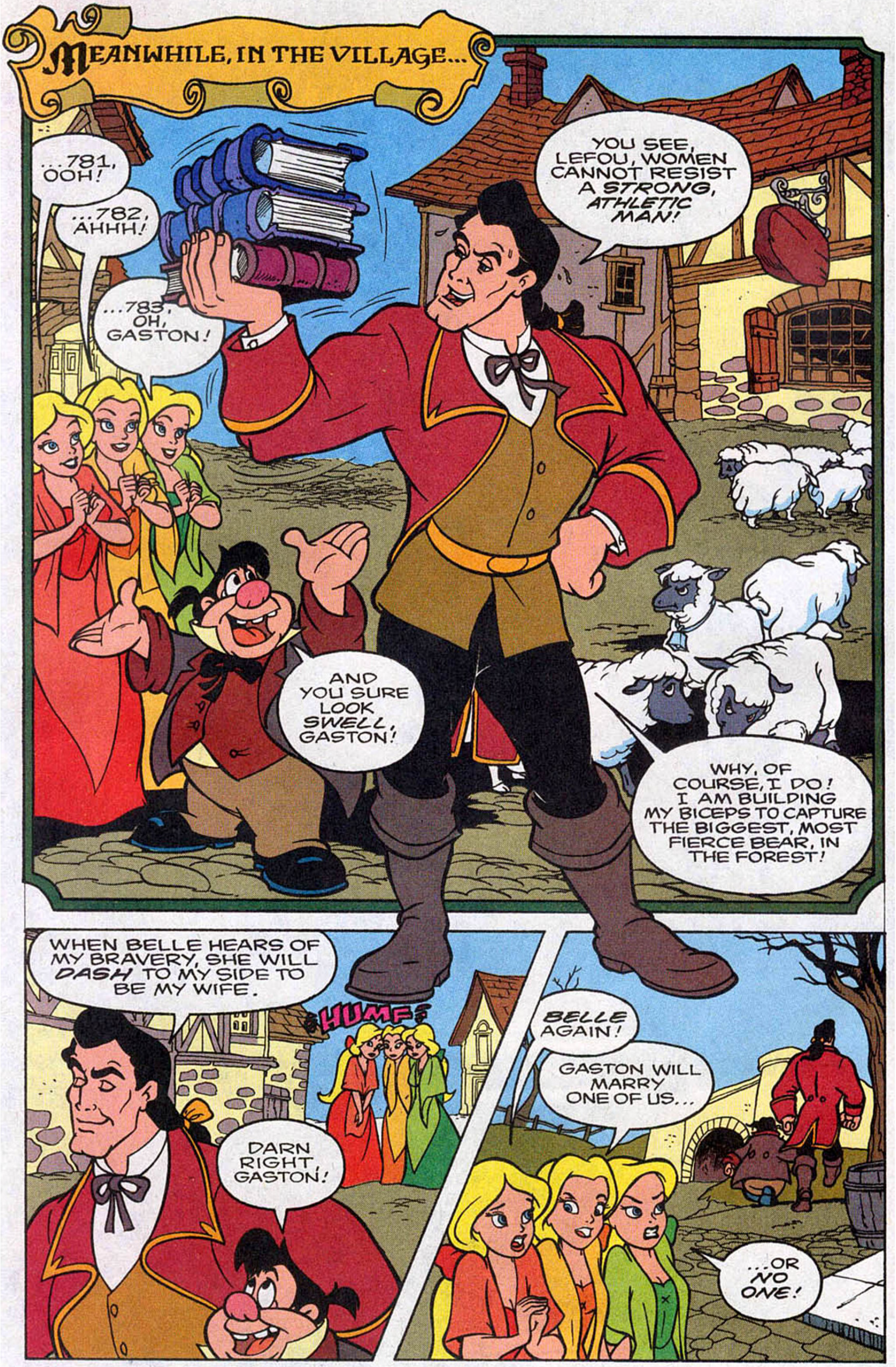
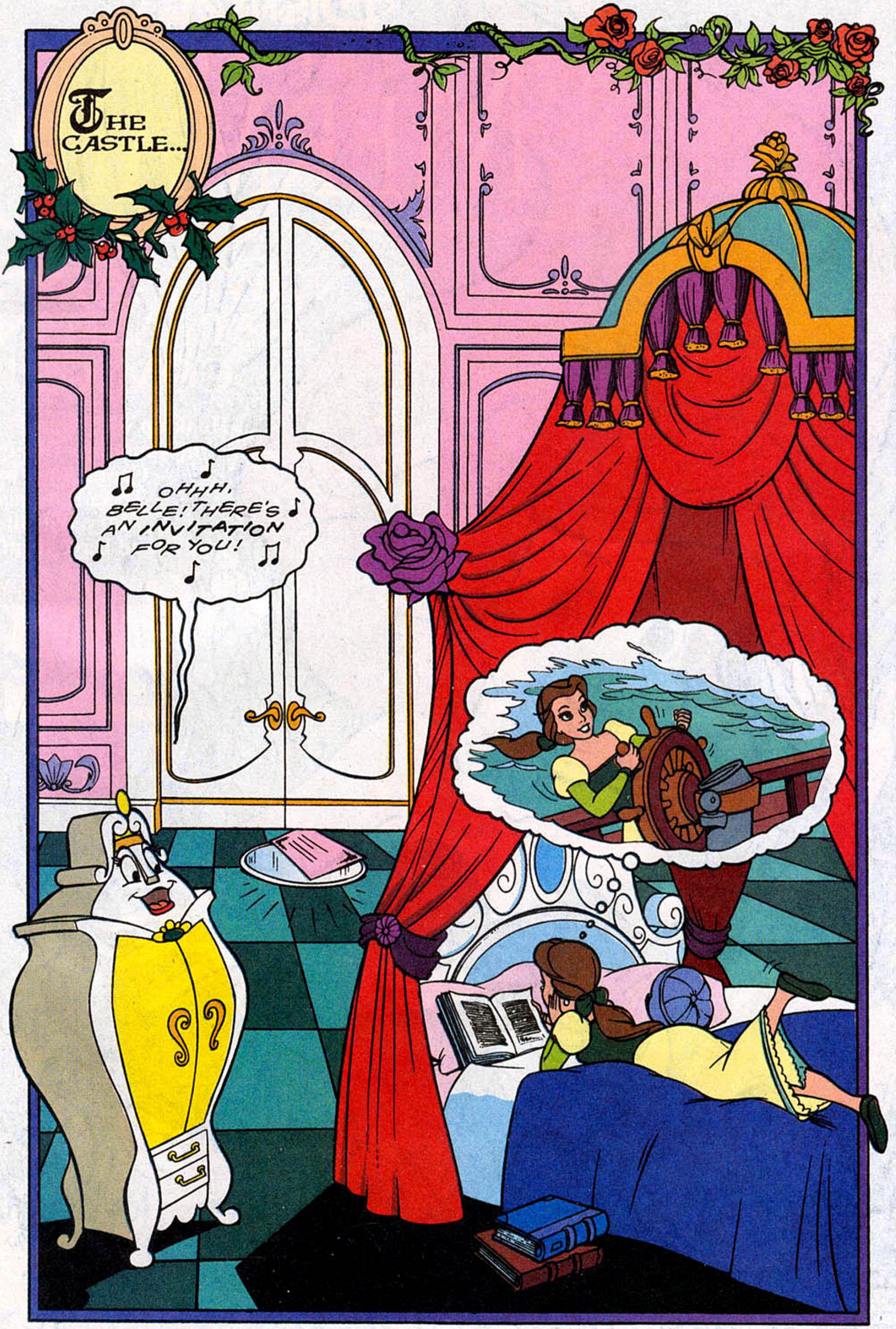
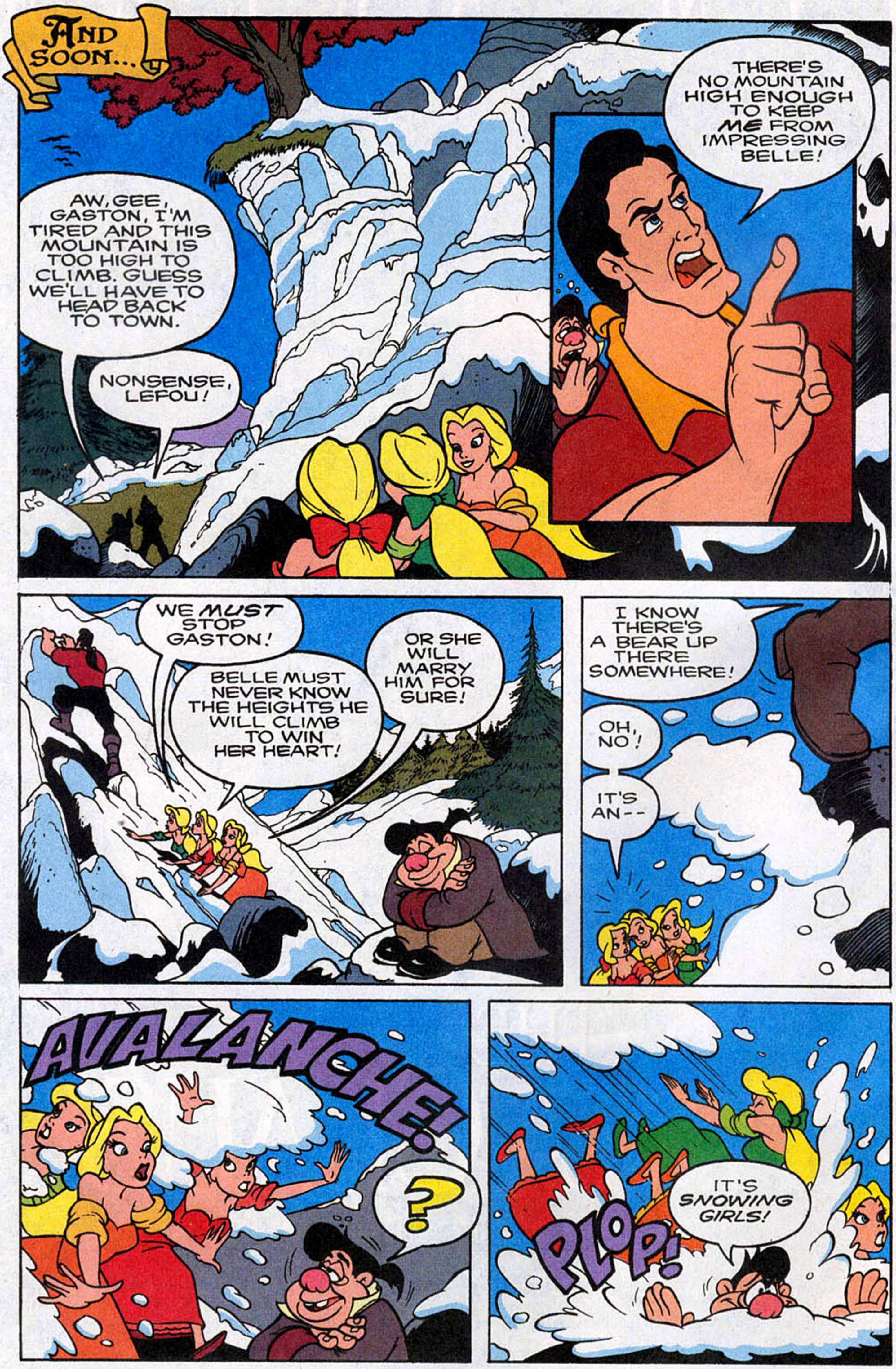
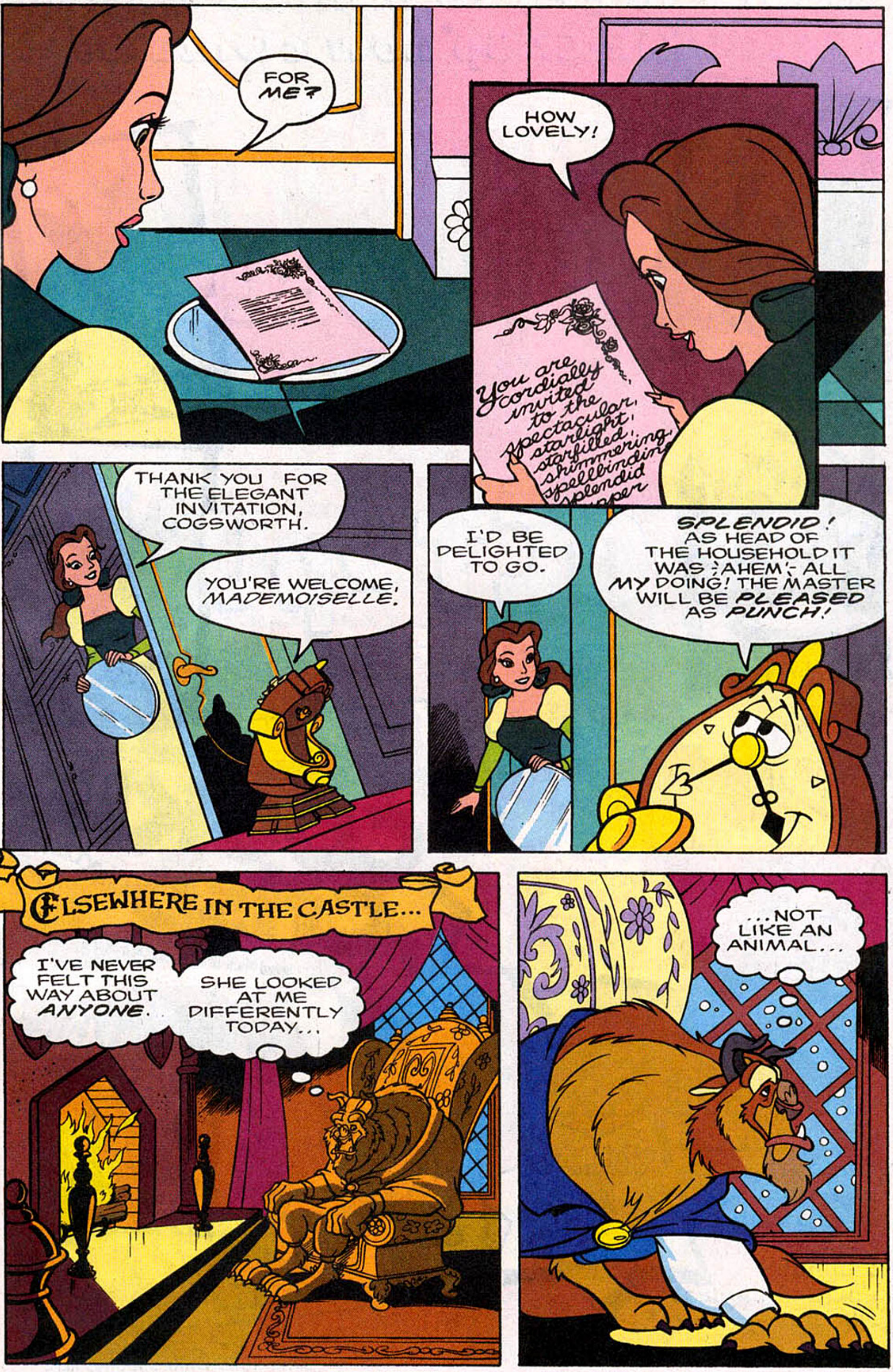

...SOFT MUSIC, CANDLELIGHT, EXCELLENT CUISINE!
THE MASTER GAZES LONGINGLY INTO BELLE'S EYES...
...BELLE WISTFULLY RETURNS HIS GAZE--
YOU'RE *PUSHING* TOO MUCH, LUMIERE! THEY'RE *BARELY* EVEN *FRIENDS*!
FRIENDS, SCHMENDS! I'M JUST ADDING A LITTLE *THEATRE* TO *PROMPT* THE *PASSION*!
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, MRS. POTTS!
WE *MUST* GET STARTED *TOUT DE SUITE* ON THE INVITATIONS.
OH, DEAR! I'M AFRAID YOU'RE GOING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG!

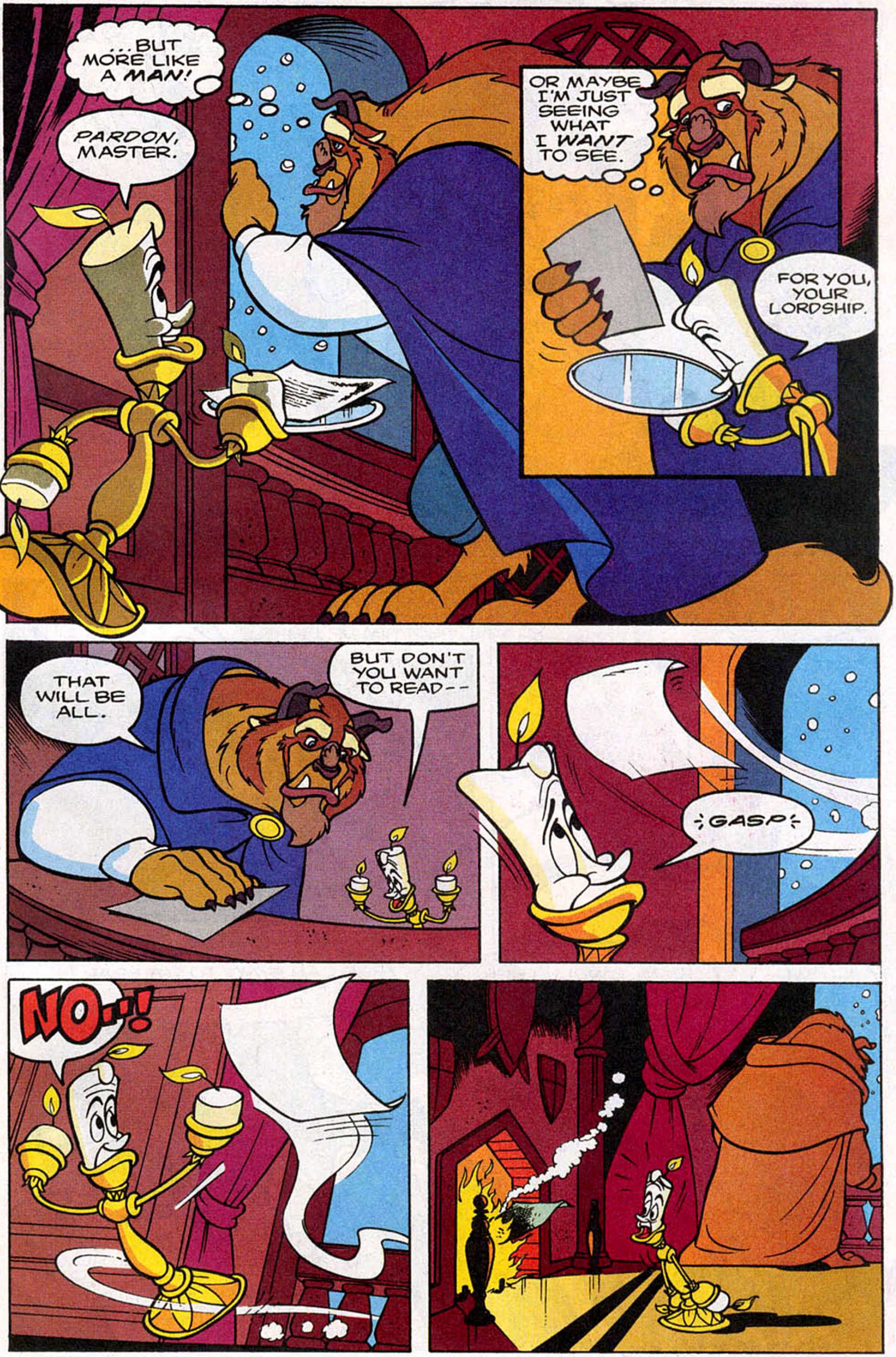

IN THE CASTLE STUDY...
STOP, CROW QUILL! THAT TICKLES! ;TEE HEE HEE;
ENOUGH OF THIS DILLY-DALLYING! YOU'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!
INK
YOU MUST INSCRIBE THE MOST ELEGANT INVITATIONS TO THE MASTER AND BELLE.
INSCRIBE?!
GOODNESS GRACIOUS! WHY, I HAVEN'T EXERCISED MY SWIRLS AND CURLS IN YEARS!
AND MY INK IS ALL DRIED UP!
WELL! NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO PRACTICE YOUR SCRIPT, CROW QUILL!
AND SHAME ON YOU, INK BOTTLE, FOR LETTING YOUR INK RUN LOW!
I SHALL EXPECT TWO MASTERFULLY INSCRIBED INVITATIONS IN MY HANDS IN TWO HOURS, LUMIERE, YOU DICTATE AND DON'T BE A MINUTE LATE!
YOU CAN COUNT ON MOI, MON CAPITAINE.
"YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE SPECTACULAR, STARLIGHT, STAR-FILLED, SHIMMERING, SPELLBIND--"
EDIT, LUMIERE, EDIT!

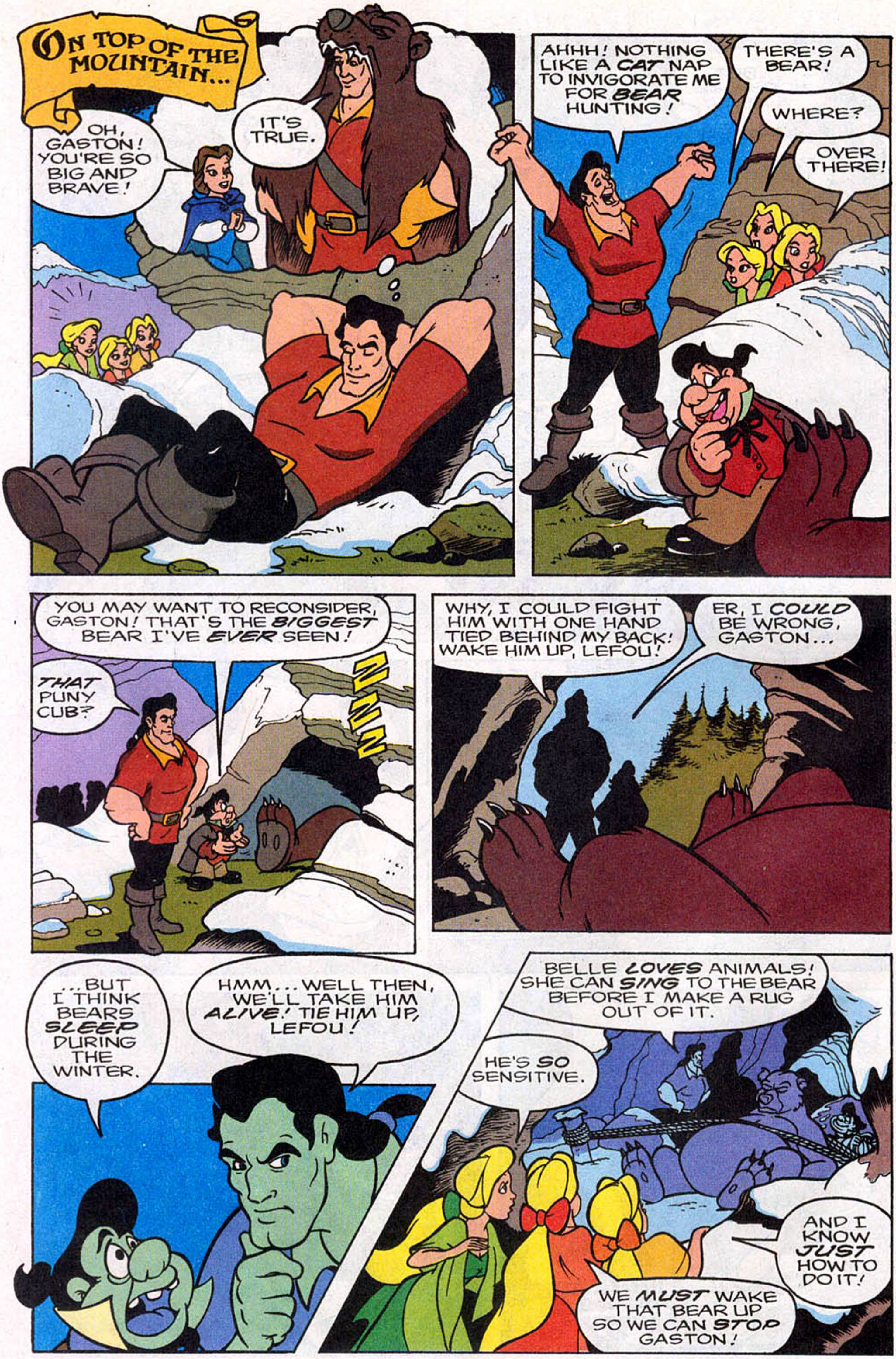

MEANWHILE, IN THE VILLAGE...
...781, OOH!
...782, AHHH!
...783, OH, GASTON!
YOU SEE, LEFOU, WOMEN CANNOT RESIST A *STRONG, ATHLETIC MAN!*
AND YOU SURE LOOK *SWELL,* GASTON!
WHY, OF COURSE, I DO! I AM BUILDING MY BICEPS TO CAPTURE THE BIGGEST, MOST FIERCE BEAR, IN THE FOREST!
WHEN BELLE HEARS OF MY BRAVERY, SHE WILL *DASH* TO MY SIDE TO BE MY WIFE.
HUMF!
DARN RIGHT, GASTON!
BELLE AGAIN!
GASTON WILL MARRY ONE OF US...
...OR *NO ONE!*

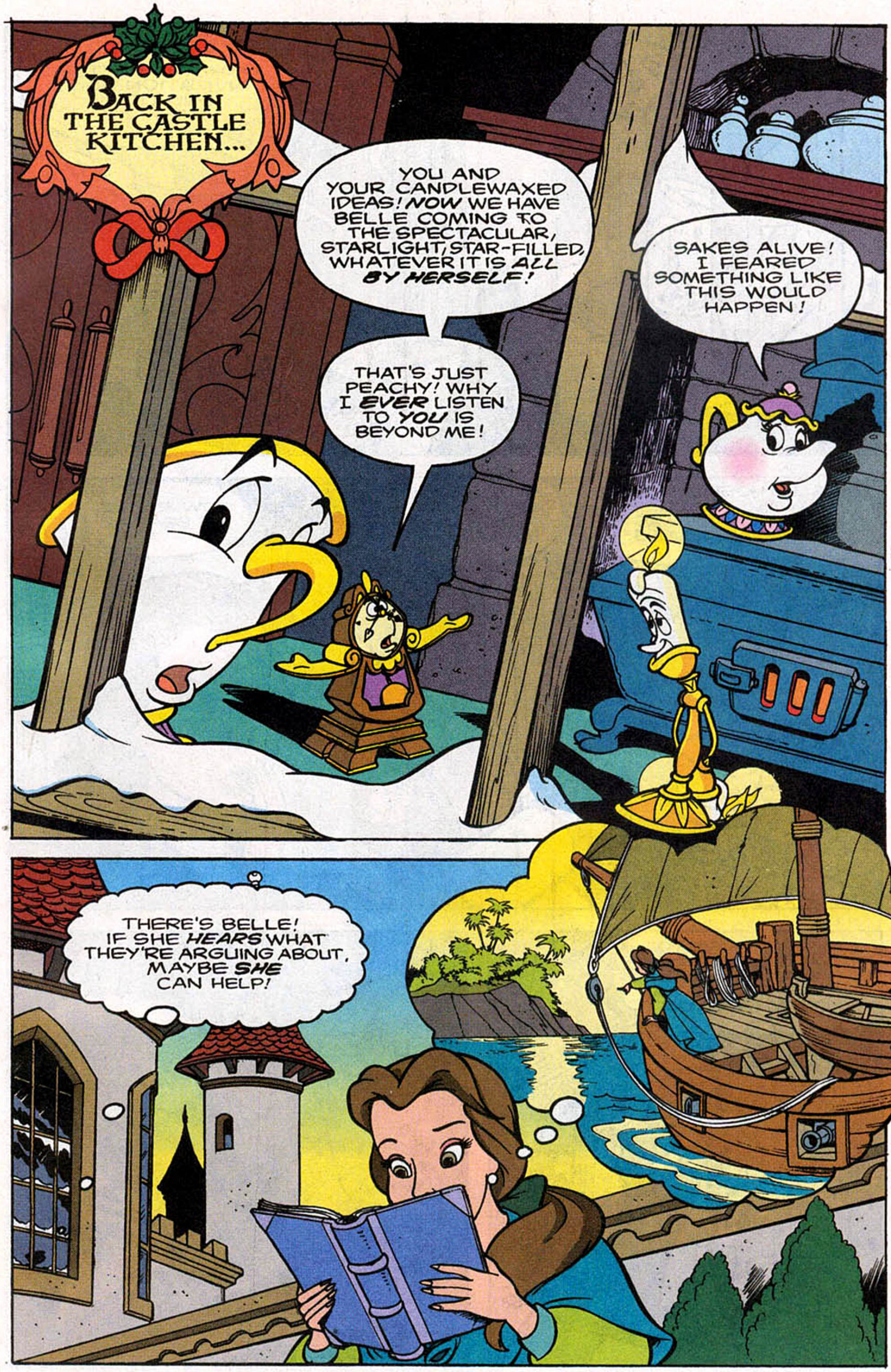

THE CASTLE...
OHHH, BELLE! THERE'S AN INVITATION FOR YOU!

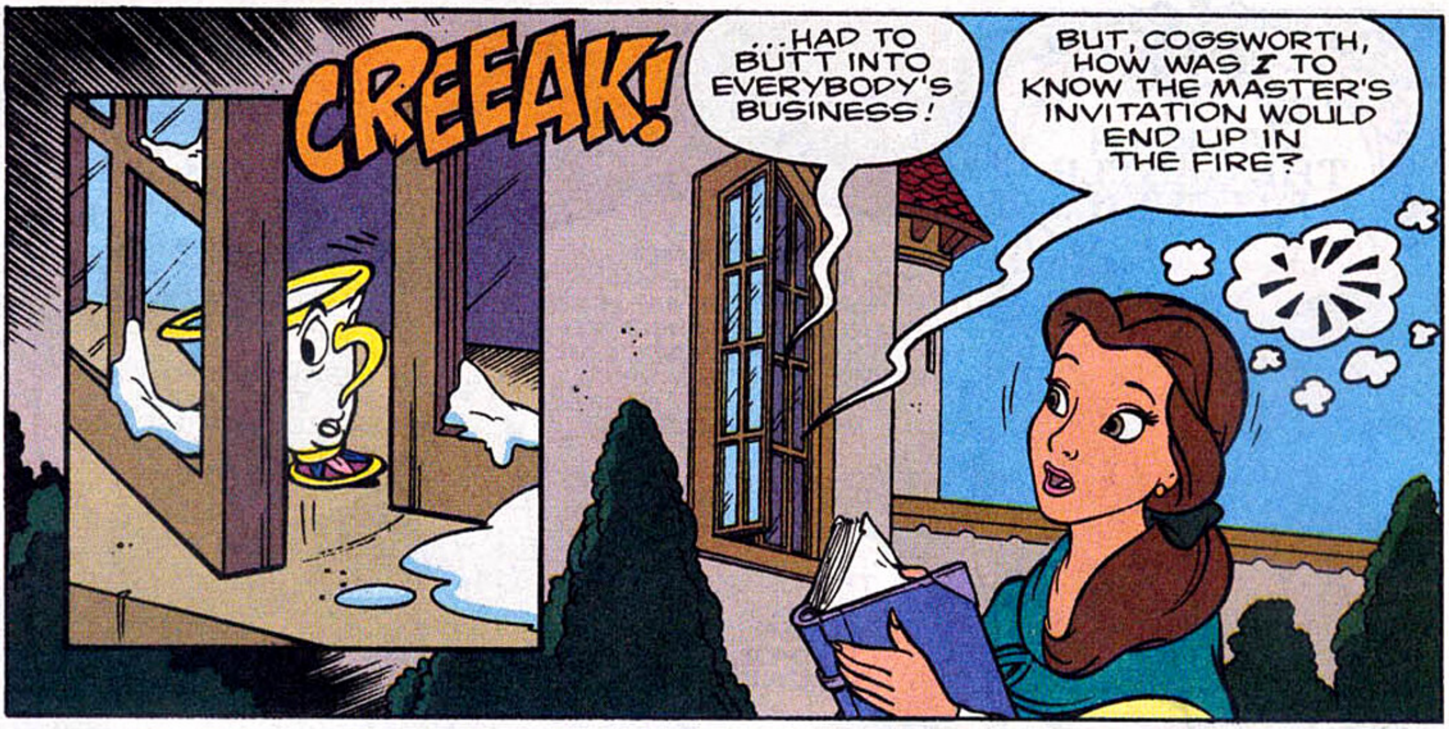

AND SOON...
AW, GEE, GASTON, I'M TIRED AND THIS MOUNTAIN IS TOO HIGH TO CLIMB. GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO HEAD BACK TO TOWN.
NONSENSE, LEFOU!
THERE'S NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH TO KEEP ME FROM IMPRESSING BELLE!
WE MUST STOP GASTON!
BELLE MUST NEVER KNOW THE HEIGHTS HE WILL CLIMB TO WIN HER HEART!
OR SHE WILL MARRY HIM FOR SURE!
I KNOW THERE'S A BEAR UP THERE SOMEWHERE!
OH, NO!
IT'S AN--
AVALANCHE!
?
PLOP!
IT'S SNOWING GIRLS!

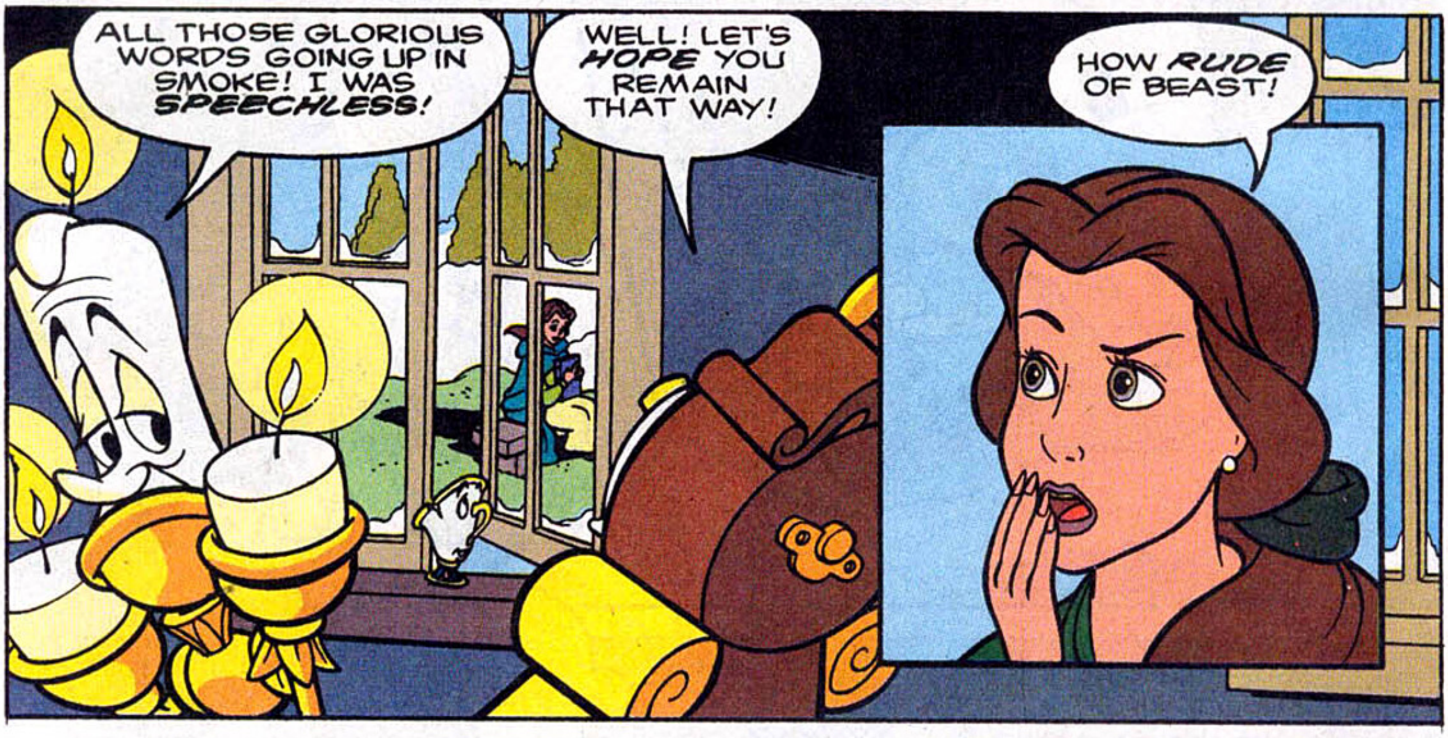

FOR ME?
HOW LOVELY!
You are cordially invited to the spectacular, starlight, starfilled, shimmering, spellbinding, splendid supper
THANK YOU FOR THE ELEGANT INVITATION, COGSWORTH.
YOU'RE WELCOME, MADEMOISELLE.
I'D BE DELIGHTED TO GO.
SPLENDID! AS HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD IT WAS -AHEM- ALL MY DOING! THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED AS PUNCH!
ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE...
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ANYONE.
SHE LOOKED AT ME DIFFERENTLY TODAY...
...NOT LIKE AN ANIMAL...

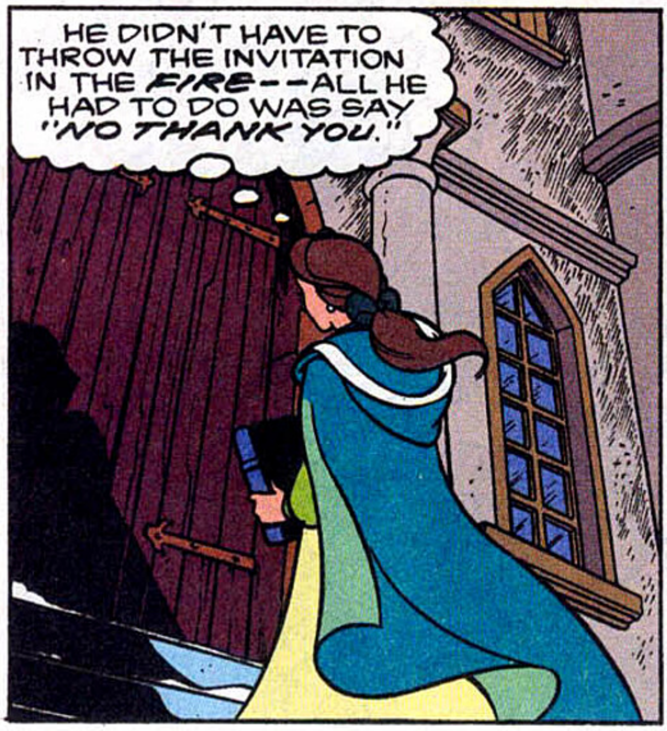

...BUT MORE LIKE A *MAN*!
PARDON, MASTER.
OR MAYBE I'M JUST SEEING WHAT I *WANT* TO SEE.
FOR YOU, YOUR LORDSHIP.
THAT WILL BE ALL.
BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO READ--
GASP
NO--!

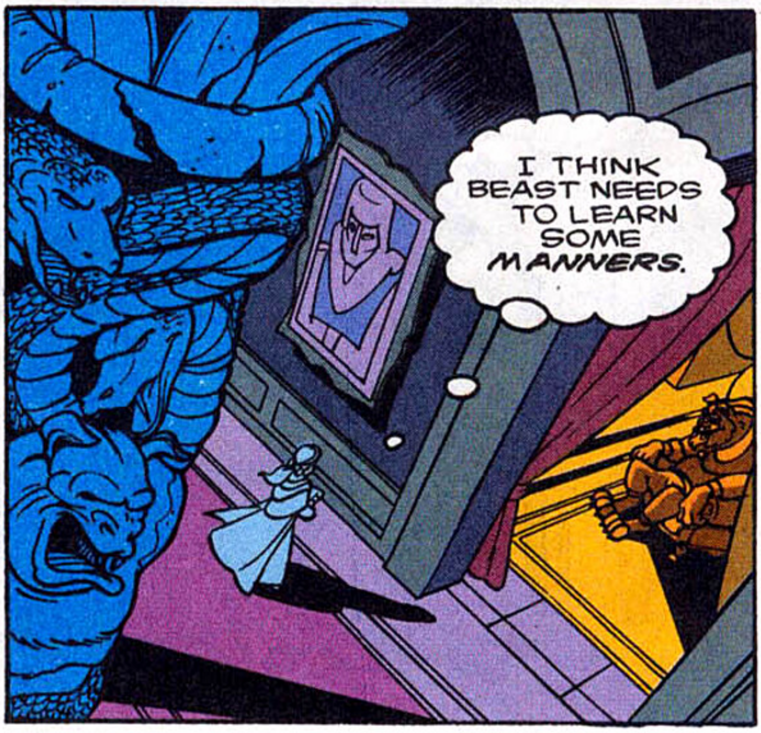

ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN...
OH, GASTON! YOU'RE SO BIG AND BRAVE!
IT'S TRUE.
AHHH! NOTHING LIKE A CAT NAP TO INVIGORATE ME FOR BEAR HUNTING!
THERE'S A BEAR!
WHERE?
OVER THERE!
YOU MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER, GASTON! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BEAR I'VE EVER SEEN!
THAT PUNY CUB?
ZZZ
WHY, I COULD FIGHT HIM WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND MY BACK! WAKE HIM UP, LEFOU!
ER, I COULD BE WRONG, GASTON...
...BUT I THINK BEARS SLEEP DURING THE WINTER.
HMM... WELL THEN, WE'LL TAKE HIM ALIVE! TIE HIM UP, LEFOU!
BELLE LOVES ANIMALS! SHE CAN SING TO THE BEAR BEFORE I MAKE A RUG OUT OF IT.
HE'S SO SENSITIVE.
WE MUST WAKE THAT BEAR UP SO WE CAN STOP GASTON!
AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT!

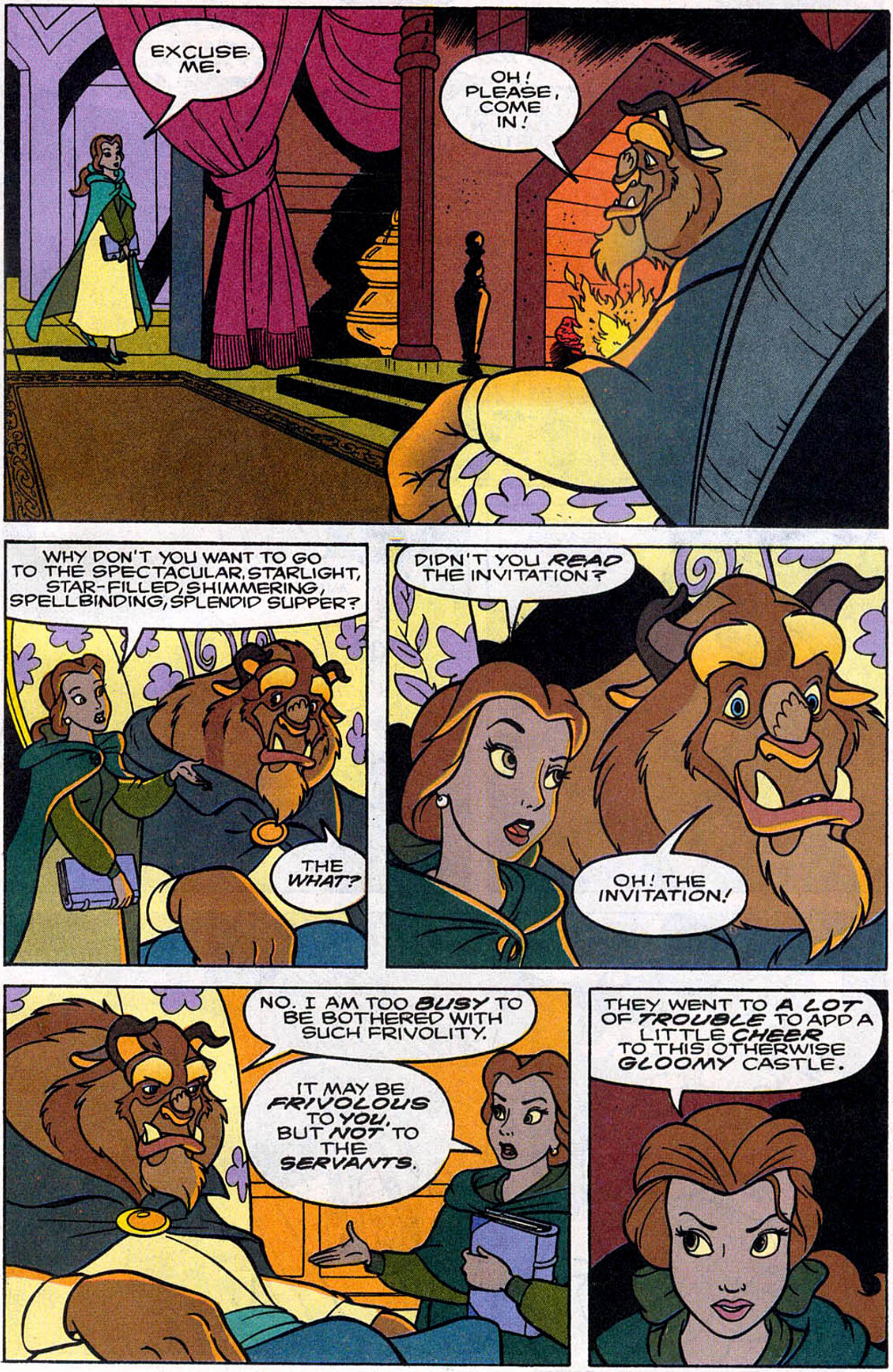

BACK IN THE CASTLE KITCHEN...
YOU AND YOUR CANDLEWAXED IDEAS! *NOW* WE HAVE BELLE COMING TO THE SPECTACULAR, STARLIGHT, STAR-FILLED, WHATEVER IT IS *ALL BY HERSELF*!
THAT'S JUST PEACHY! WHY I *EVER* LISTEN TO *YOU* IS BEYOND ME!
SAKES ALIVE! I FEARED SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
THERE'S BELLE! IF SHE *HEARS* WHAT THEY'RE ARGUING ABOUT, MAYBE *SHE* CAN HELP!

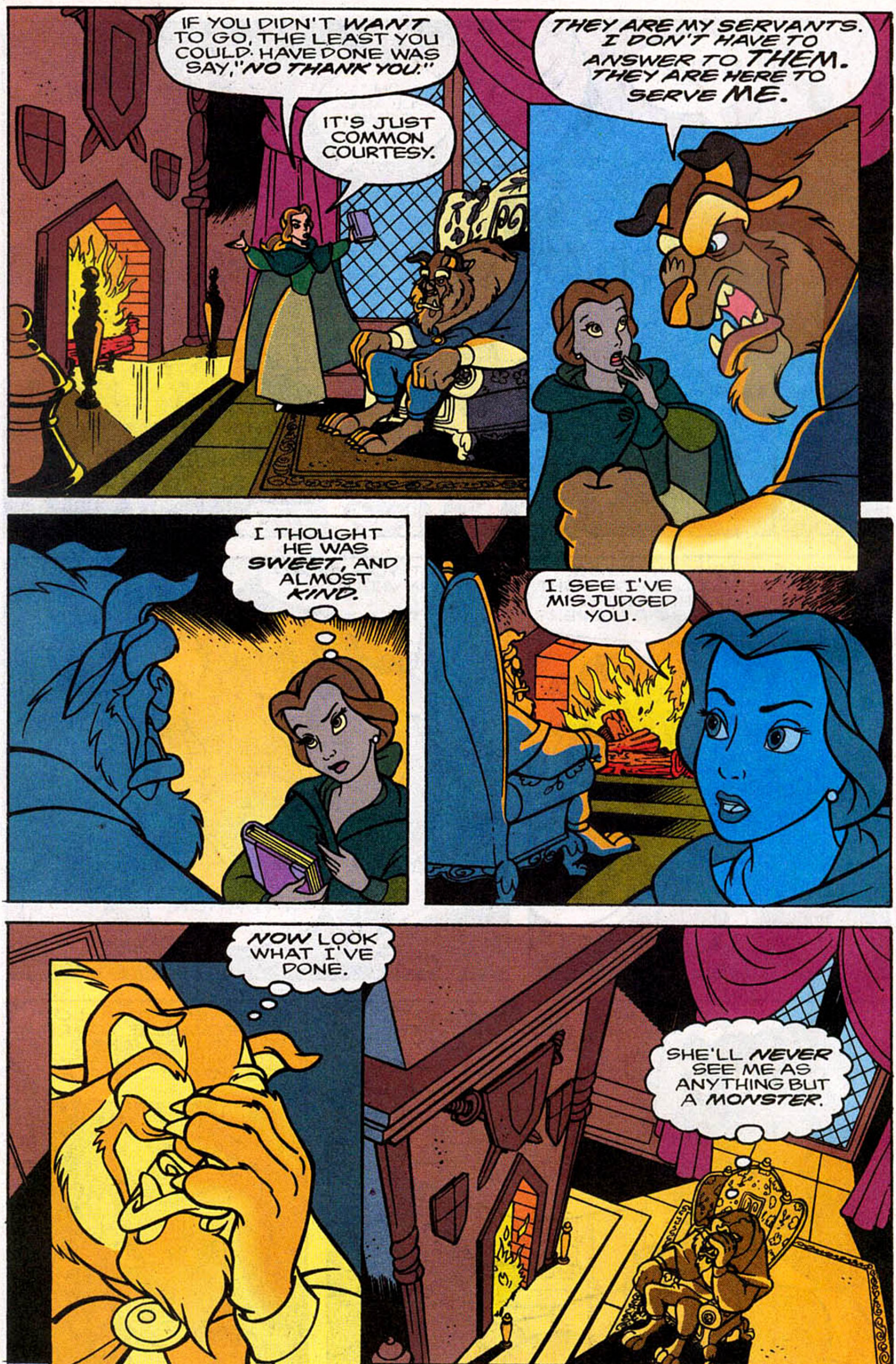

CREEAK!
...HAD TO BUTT INTO EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!
BUT, COGSWORTH, HOW WAS *I* TO KNOW THE MASTER'S INVITATION WOULD END UP IN THE FIRE?

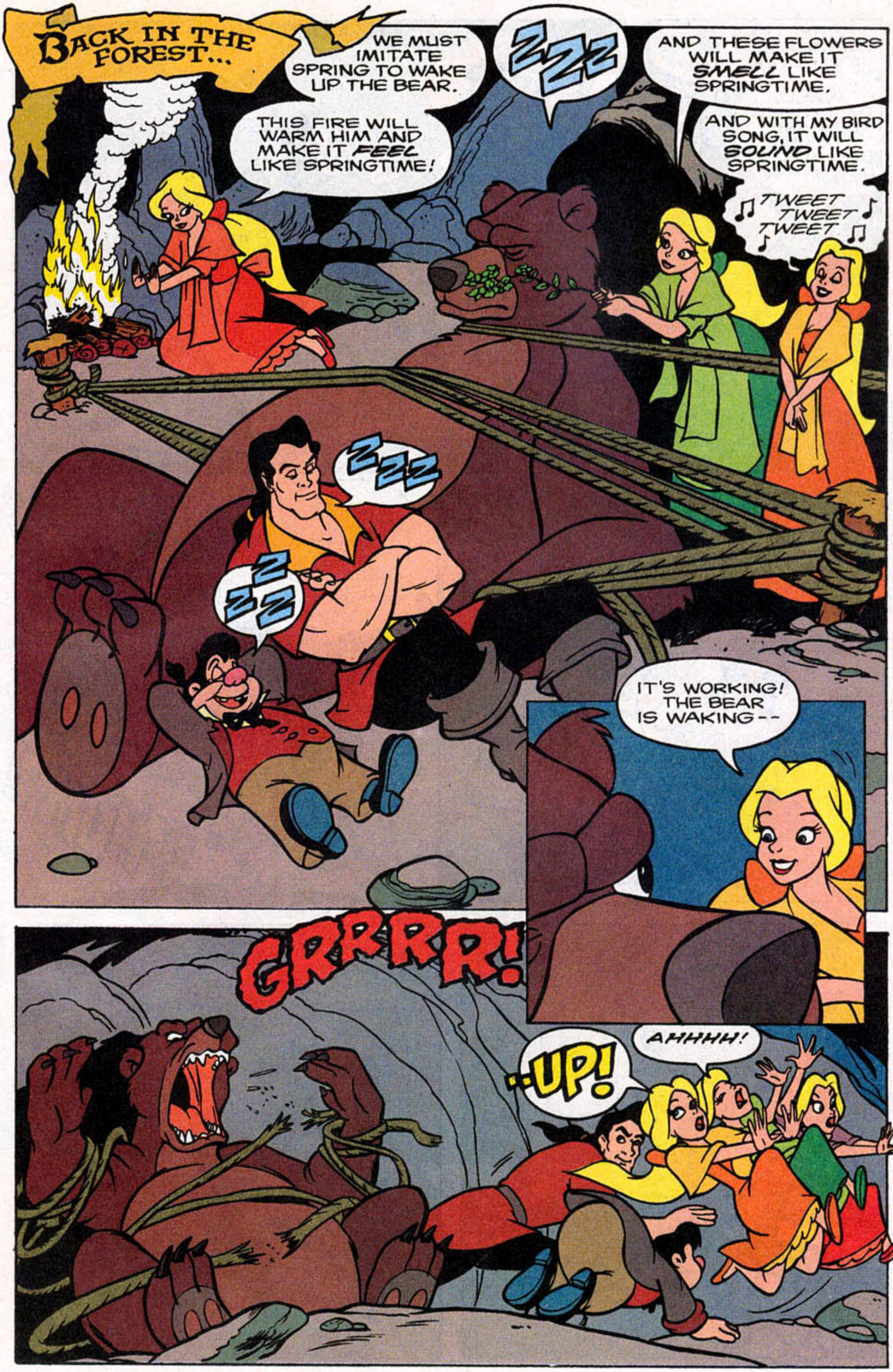

ALL THOSE GLORIOUS WORDS GOING UP IN SMOKE! I WAS *SPEECHLESS!*
WELL! LET'S *HOPE* YOU REMAIN THAT WAY!
HOW *RUDE* OF BEAST!

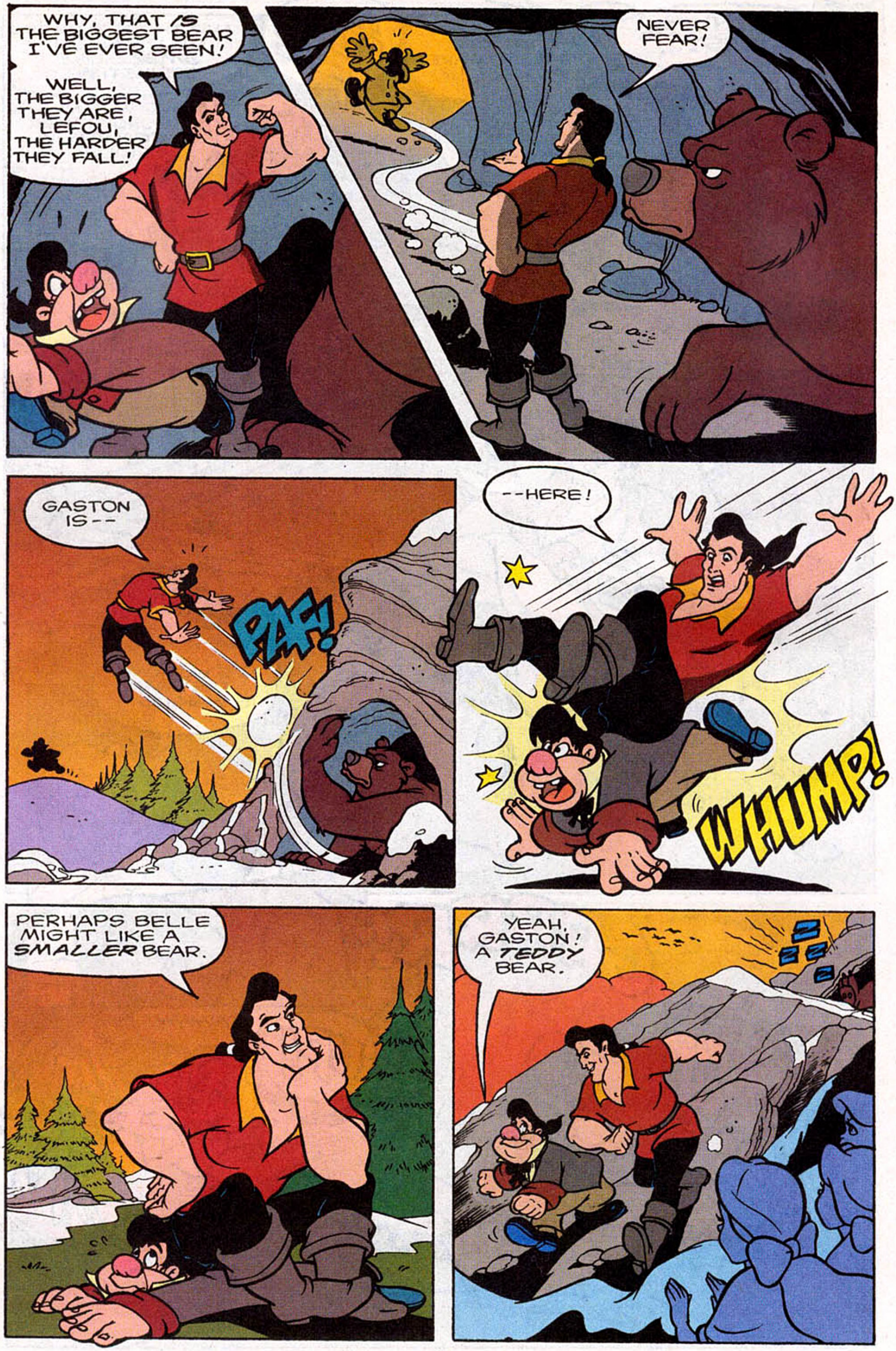

HE DIDN'T HAVE TO THROW THE INVITATION IN THE *FIRE*--ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS SAY *"NO THANK YOU."*

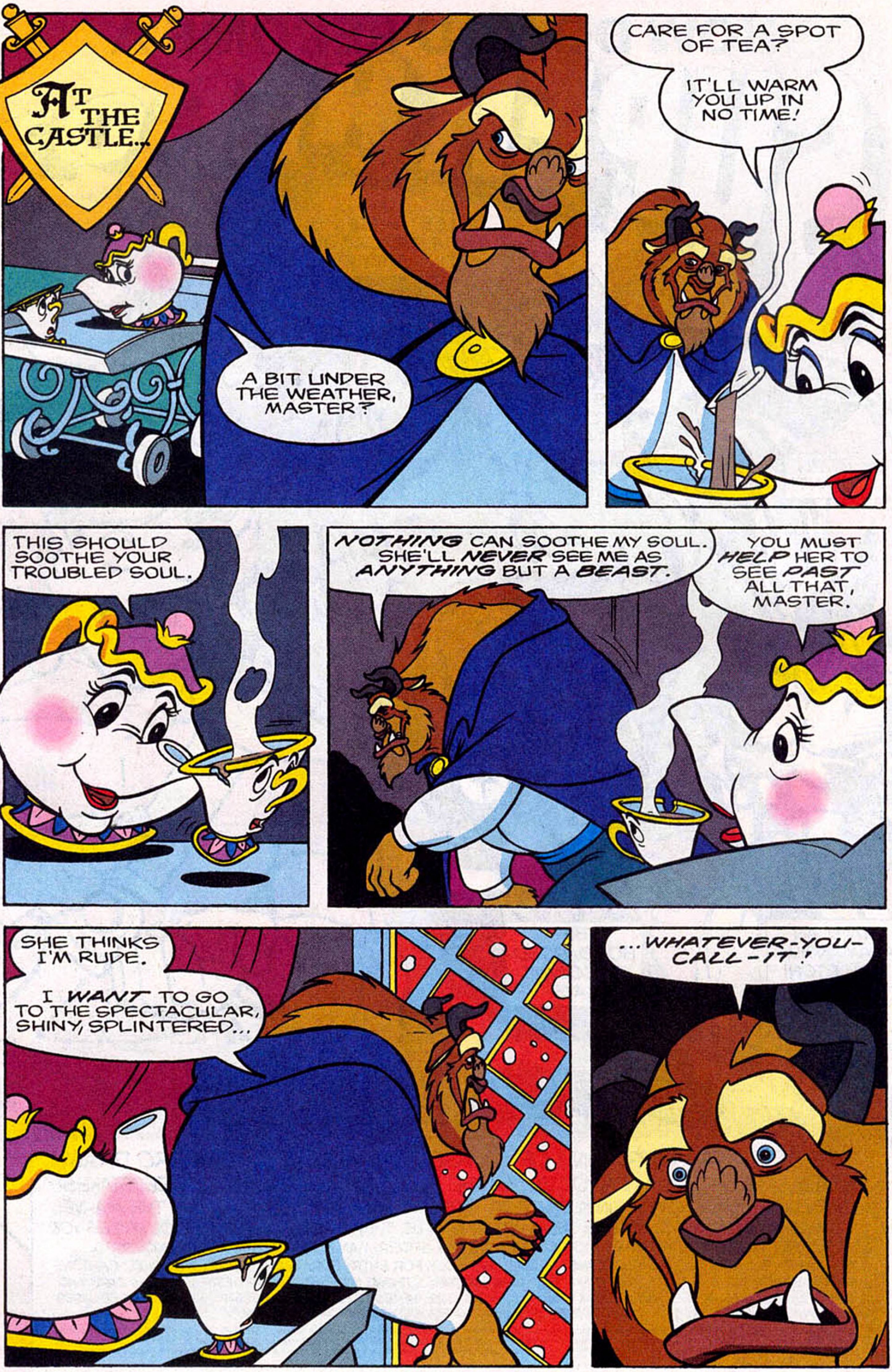

I THINK BEAST NEEDS TO LEARN SOME *MANNERS.*

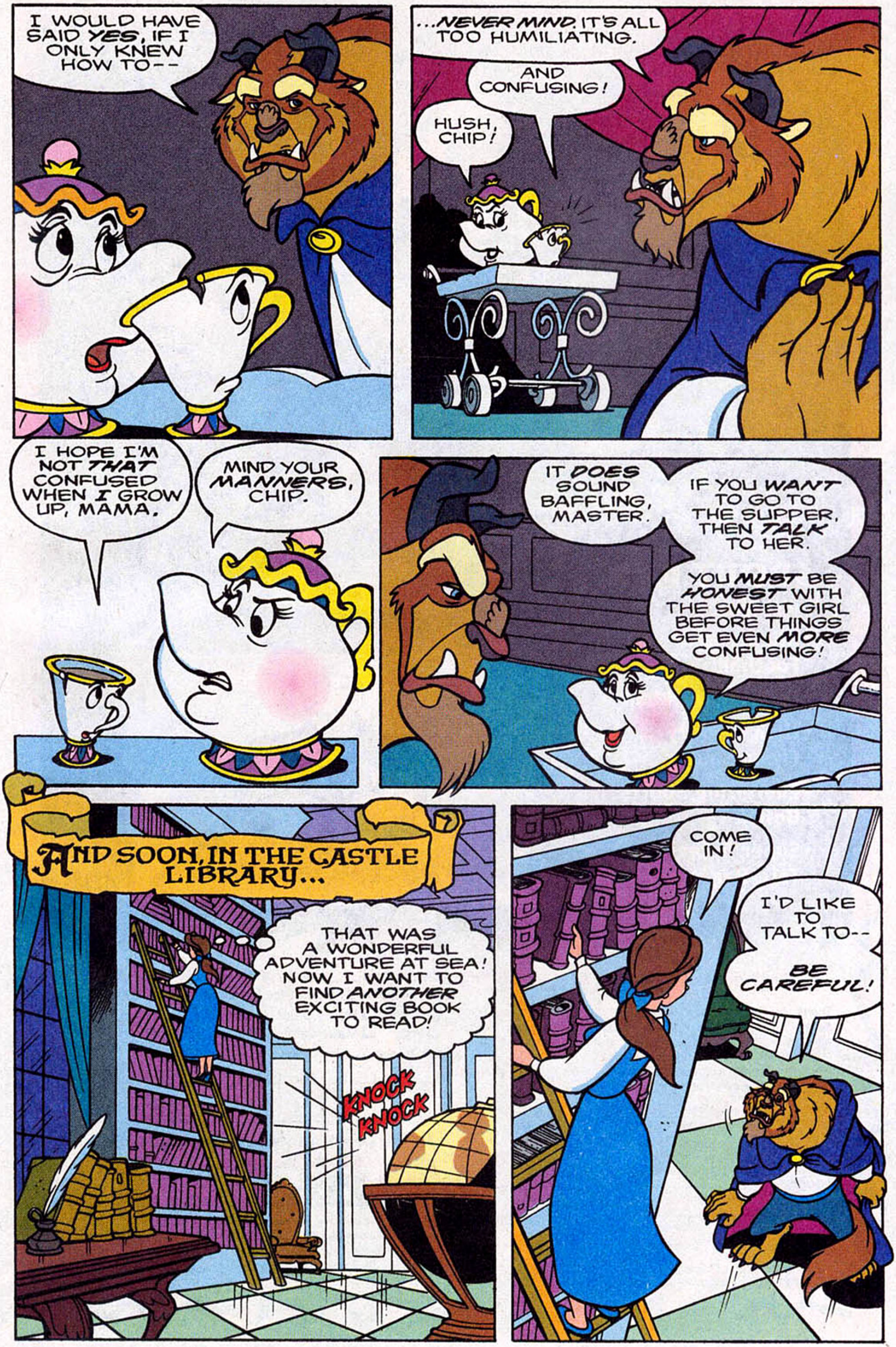

EXCUSE ME.
OH! PLEASE, COME IN!
WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO GO TO THE SPECTACULAR, STARLIGHT, STAR-FILLED, SHIMMERING, SPELLBINDING, SPLENDID SUPPER?
THE *WHAT?*
DIDN'T YOU *READ* THE INVITATION?
OH! THE INVITATION!
NO. I AM TOO *BUSY* TO BE BOTHERED WITH SUCH FRIVOLITY.
IT MAY BE *FRIVOLOUS* TO *YOU*, BUT *NOT* TO THE *SERVANTS*.
THEY WENT TO *A LOT* OF *TROUBLE* TO ADD A LITTLE *CHEER* TO THIS OTHERWISE *GLOOMY* CASTLE.

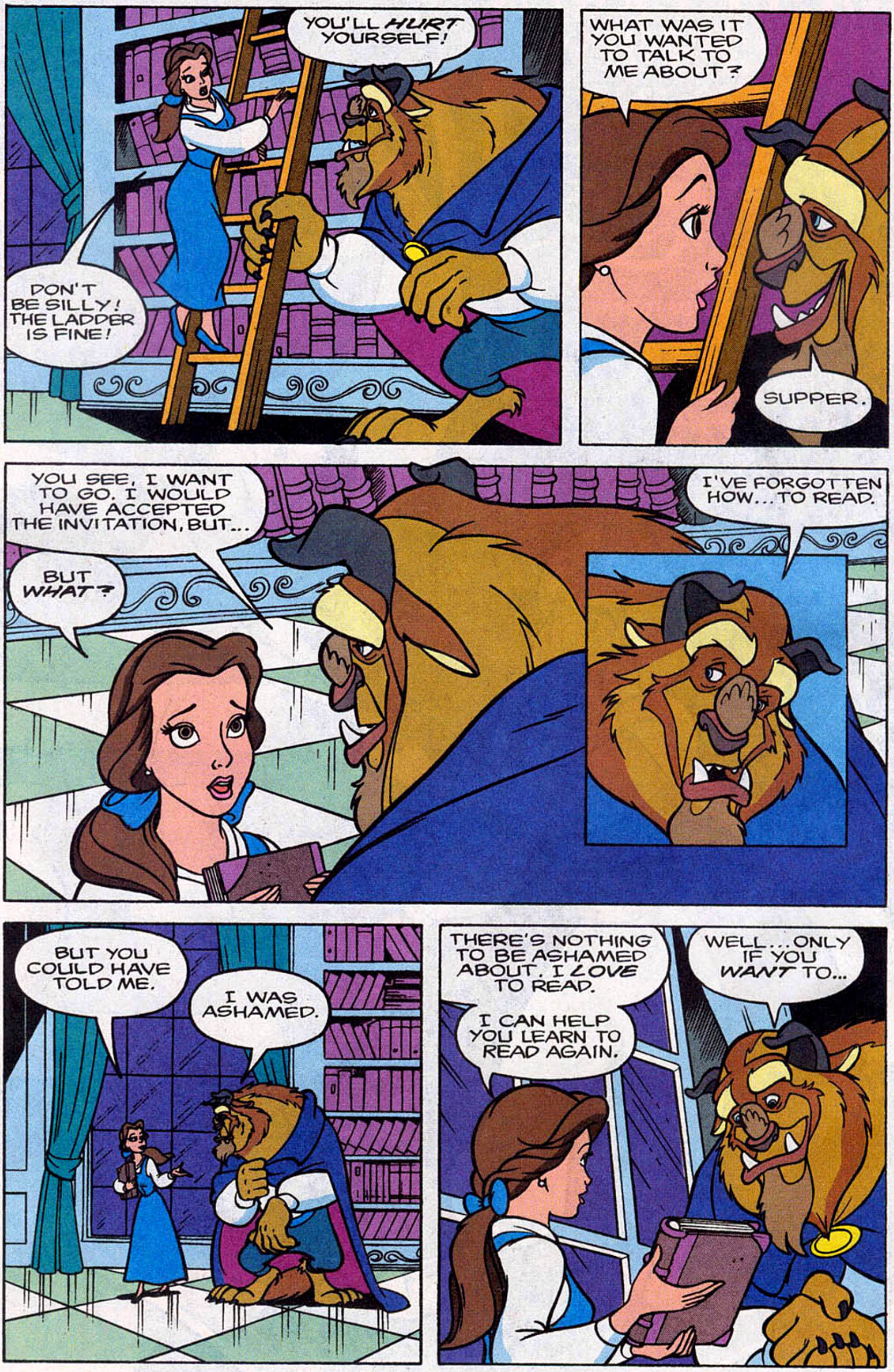

IF YOU DIDN'T *WANT* TO GO, THE LEAST YOU COULD HAVE DONE WAS SAY, "*NO THANK YOU.*"
IT'S JUST COMMON COURTESY.
THEY ARE MY SERVANTS. I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO THEM. THEY ARE HERE TO SERVE ME.
I THOUGHT HE WAS *SWEET*, AND ALMOST *KIND*.
I SEE I'VE MISJUDGED YOU.
NOW LOOK WHAT I'VE DONE.
SHE'LL *NEVER* SEE ME AS ANYTHING BUT A *MONSTER*.

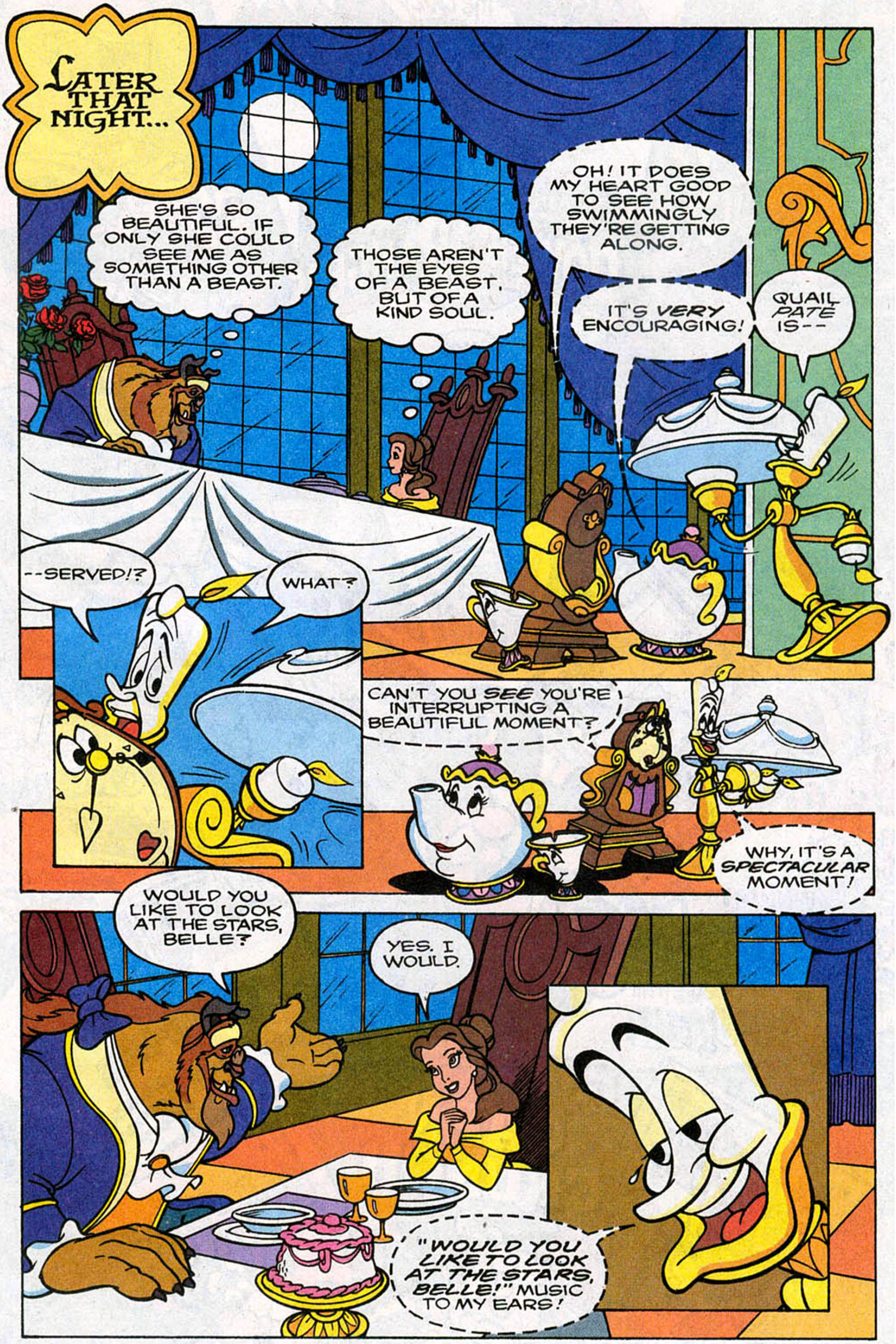

BACK IN THE FOREST...
WE MUST IMITATE SPRING TO WAKE UP THE BEAR.
THIS FIRE WILL WARM HIM AND MAKE IT *FEEL* LIKE SPRINGTIME!
ZZZ
AND THESE FLOWERS WILL MAKE IT *SMELL* LIKE SPRINGTIME.
AND WITH MY BIRD SONG, IT WILL *SOUND* LIKE SPRINGTIME.
♫ TWEET TWEET TWEET ♫
ZZZ
ZZZ
IT'S WORKING! THE BEAR IS WAKING--
GRRRRR!
--UP!
AHHHH!

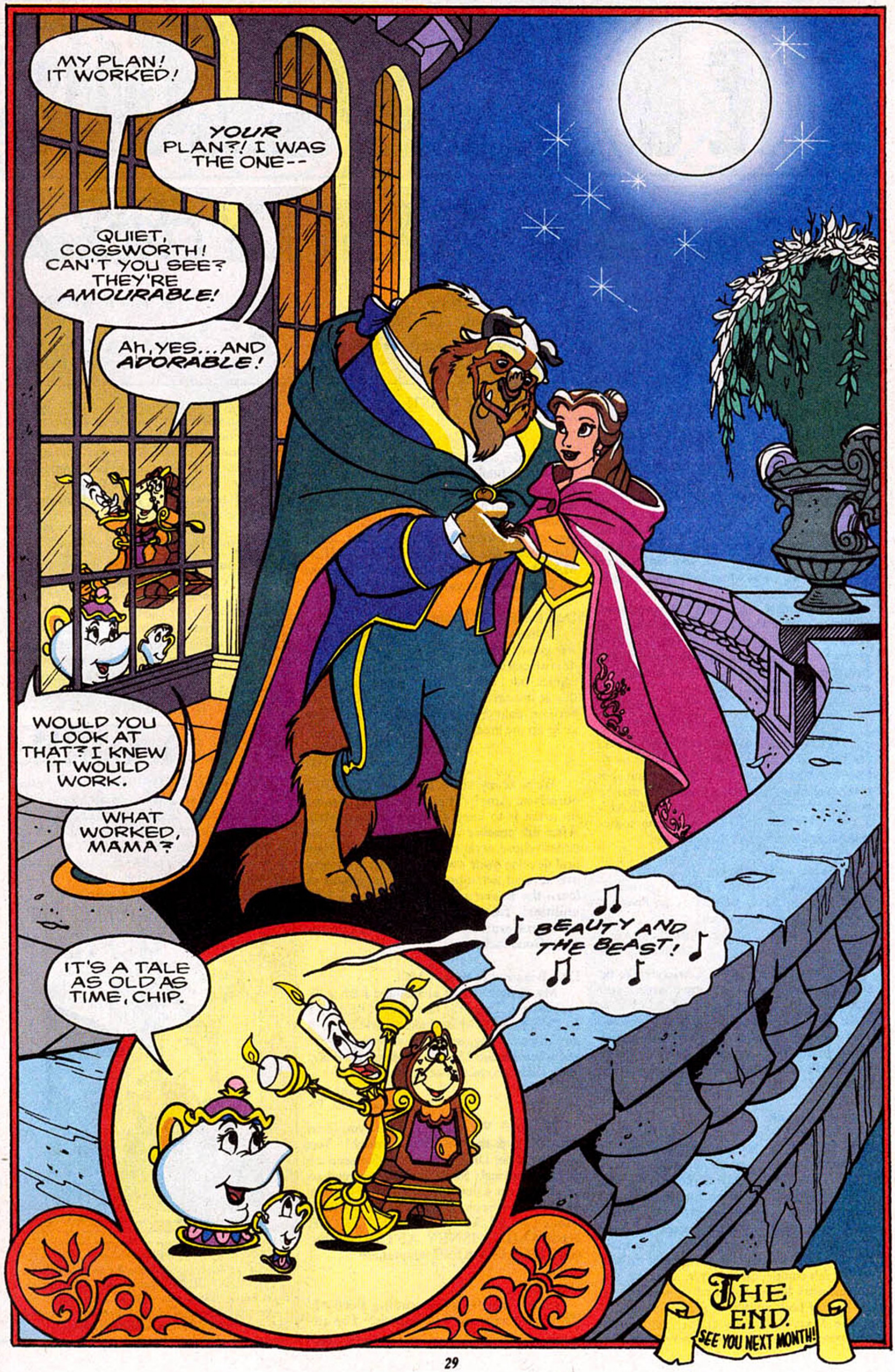

WHY, THAT *IS* THE BIGGEST BEAR I'VE EVER SEEN!
WELL, THE BIGGER THEY ARE, LEFOU, THE HARDER THEY FALL!
NEVER FEAR!
GASTON IS --
PAF!
--HERE!
WHUMP!
PERHAPS BELLE MIGHT LIKE A *SMALLER* BEAR.
YEAH, GASTON! A *TEDDY* BEAR.
Z Z Z Z


AT THE CASTLE...
A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER, MASTER?
CARE FOR A SPOT OF TEA?
IT'LL WARM YOU UP IN NO TIME!
THIS SHOULD SOOTHE YOUR TROUBLED SOUL.
NOTHING CAN SOOTHE MY SOUL. SHE'LL *NEVER* SEE ME AS *ANYTHING* BUT A *BEAST*.
YOU MUST *HELP* HER TO SEE *PAST* ALL THAT, MASTER.
SHE THINKS I'M RUDE.
I *WANT* TO GO TO THE SPECTACULAR, SHINY, SPLINTERED...
...WHATEVER-YOU-CALL-IT!


I WOULD HAVE SAID *YES*, IF I ONLY KNEW HOW TO--
...*NEVER MIND*. IT'S ALL TOO HUMILIATING.
AND CONFUSING!
HUSH, CHIP!
I HOPE I'M NOT *THAT* CONFUSED WHEN *I* GROW UP, MAMA.
MIND YOUR *MANNERS*, CHIP.
IT *DOES* SOUND BAFFLING, MASTER.
IF YOU *WANT* TO GO TO THE SUPPER, THEN *TALK* TO HER.
YOU *MUST* BE *HONEST* WITH THE SWEET GIRL BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN *MORE* CONFUSING!
AND SOON, IN THE CASTLE LIBRARY...
THAT WAS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE AT SEA! NOW I WANT TO FIND *ANOTHER* EXCITING BOOK TO READ!
KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN!
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO--
BE CAREFUL!


YOU'LL *HURT* YOURSELF!
DON'T BE SILLY! THE LADDER IS FINE!
WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
SUPPER.
YOU SEE, I WANT TO GO. I WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, BUT...
BUT *WHAT*?
I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW... TO READ.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME.
I WAS ASHAMED.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED ABOUT. I *LOVE* TO READ.
I CAN HELP YOU LEARN TO READ AGAIN.
WELL... ONLY IF YOU *WANT* TO...


LATER THAT NIGHT...
SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL. IF ONLY SHE COULD SEE ME AS SOMETHING OTHER THAN A BEAST.
THOSE AREN'T THE EYES OF A BEAST, BUT OF A KIND SOUL.
OH! IT DOES MY HEART GOOD TO SEE HOW SWIMMINGLY THEY'RE GETTING ALONG.
IT'S *VERY* ENCOURAGING!
QUAIL *PATE* IS--
--SERVED!?
WHAT?
CAN'T YOU *SEE* YOU'RE INTERRUPTING A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT?
WHY, IT'S A *SPECTACULAR* MOMENT!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT THE STARS, BELLE?
YES. I WOULD.
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT THE STARS, BELLE!" MUSIC TO MY EARS!


MY PLAN! IT WORKED!
YOUR PLAN?! I WAS THE ONE--
QUIET, COGSWORTH! CAN'T YOU SEE? THEY'RE AMOURABLE!
Ah, YES... AND ADORABLE!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? I KNEW IT WOULD WORK.
WHAT WORKED, MAMA?
IT'S A TALE AS OLD AS TIME, CHIP.
♫ ♩ BEAUTY AND THE BEAST! ♪ ♫ ♪
THE END.
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!!

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HILDY MESNIK
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LISA ZAMPELLA
Assistant Editor

Dear Belle, Beast, Enchanted Objects, and friends at Marvel,

Thank you, Marvel, for this enchanting and romantic comic series! From cover to cover, you capture all of my favorite Disney characters perfectly! The stories are ingenious and the artwork is charming. I wish you all the success in the world. I am a huge fan of Beauty & the Beast. I've seen the movie countless times and I have also seen the Broadway musical. So, you can imagine how delighted I was when I saw your incredible series!

To be honest, I was never a comic book collector. Now, thanks to you creative and talented people at Marvel Comics, you have given me not only a wonderful new hobby, but something special to look forward to every month!

Jeffrey Demoreski
Perth Amboy, NJ

We're speechless, Jeffrey! Thank you for the wonderful support. It thrills us to know that we give our fans that certain special something each month and you can be sure that with the future issues of BEAUTY & THE BEAST, there will be something there that wasn't there before!

Dear Beauty and the Beast,

I love reading the Disney comics. BEAUTY & THE BEAST is my favorite! I try to get them every week!

Christy Butterfield, age 9
Fryeburg, ME

Reading is fun, isn't it, Christy!? To be sure you don't miss any future issues, you may want to subscribe to BEAUTY & THE BEAST. Then you'll get every issue, every month, mailed right to your home! You'll find a subscription form in this very issue! Be sure to check with a parent or adult first!

Dear Ms. Mesnik,

I have just finished reading BEAUTY & THE BEAST #1. It contained the degree of excellence that is prevalent in the Marvel titles. I have been a Marvel fan since I was 10 years old and B&B is the first comic I have read that is aimed towards young readers. I am a creative writing student and I am very interested in writing children's stories. When I saw the high quality of art on the cover I felt compelled to buy it. Imagine, the two industry leaders teamed up to bring us the best of both worlds! I plan to buy more of the Marvel/Disney titles, especially BEAUTY & THE BEAST!

Jack Bard, age 21
Columbia, MO

Thanks, Jack! It's very encouraging to know our books inspire young writers in the making. The cover was penciled by the amazing Barb Rausch, who also pencils BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics, and inked by talented artist, Dave Hunt, who also inks THE LITTLE MERMAID comic. Hope you enjoyed this issue; we'll see you next month!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I thought BEAUTY & THE BEAST #2 was great! What I really liked was the wonderful cover! My dream is to draw for comics, but I don't think I can get a job doing this at my age. How can I make this dream become reality? Say hello to Chip for me and keep up the great work!

Amy Stewart, age 12
Silver Spring, MD

We're crazy about the cover of B&B#2 ourselves, Amy! The best way to become an artist is to keep drawing and drawing. After all, practice makes perfect. Find an artist whose style inspires you, then copy and develop your own style from it. There are several art schools you can attend to learn the basics and sharpen your artistic abilities! But remember — dreams can come true with hard work and determination. Good luck!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

My name is Toni LaFauci and I am a 10-year-old girl. I read the first issue of BEAUTY & THE BEAST which I liked a whole lot! I love to read. I have seen all the Disney movies and when I heard Marvel was doing B&B and other Disney comics I had to get one!

Toni LaFauci
Philadelphia, PA

Hi, Toni! We are thrilled that you liked BEAUTY & the BEAST so much! You must be a big Disney fan if you've seen all of their movies! Since you like to read so much and are a devoted follower of Disney, be sure to check out our other Disney comics — ALADDIN, THE LITTLE MERMAID, DISNEY AFTERNOON, and THE LION KING adaptation!

Dear Hildy,

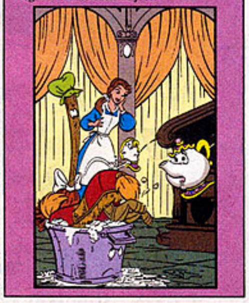
I have just finished reading B&B #2. What I saw and read was fantastic! The artwork and the coloring were a treat for the eyes. In this issue, you have captured the intelligence, beauty and sweet personality of Belle (and of course the other characters). The dress that she wore can be summed into one word — WOW! I look forward to reading and enjoying the future adventures of Beast and Belle.

John B.
VA

We couldn't have said it any better, John! We have a *beauty* of a creative team! Penciler Cosme Quartieri and inker Carlos Valenti give writer Barbara Slate's enchanting stories that gentle touch needed to make the pages come alive. Colorist Greg Wright adds the vibrance that makes the art sing and dance, and Janice Chiang's delicate yet elegant lettering rounds out the romantic adventure! See you in thirty!

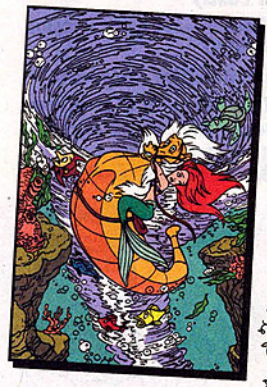
NEXT MONTH:

BEAUTY & THE BEAST #5 - Belle trys to teach stubborn Beast how to read and write; Cogsworth gloats as Beast commands frazzled Lumiere to compose him a poem for Belle. Will Lumiere's words of love help break the spell of the castle and will Cogsworth take back his job??



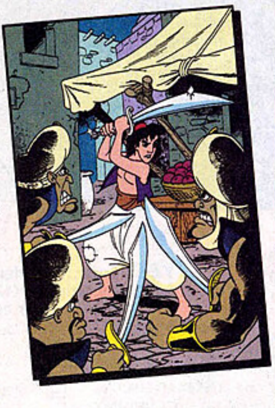
Oops! We recently learned that two very important people were accidently uncredited in the comic adaptation of **THE LION KING**. Apologies to Disney International Editor, **Bob Foster**, and Disney International Creative Art Director, **Debbie Hayes**, who supplied their time and talents to this wonderful book.

ALSO THIS MONTH . . .



THE LITTLE MERMAID #4, "Whirlpool World" - Ariel lends a fin to try and help stop the feuding between the Redfins and the Bluefins! Can she show them that no matter who is right or wrong, it's just a fin of another color!

ALADDIN #3, "Sword of Aladdin" - Has far-off Prince Fahrauf of Teufahr gone too far? After presenting gifts to Aladdin, Jasmine, and the Sultan that alter their personalities, Aladdin must find a way to return them, and all of Agrabah, back to normal!



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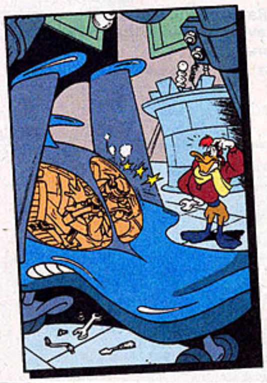

DISNEY AFTERNOON #2 - Join us for the adventures of Darkwing Duck when he gets quite a jolt from Megavolt! And be sure not to miss those crazy antics of the Talespin gang!